



### **Person Centered Thinking**

HELPING THOSE WE SERVE ACHEIVE POSITIVE CONTROL OVER THEIR LIVES

For people being supported by services, it is not person centered planning that matters as much as the pervasive presence of Person Centered Thinking. If people who use services are to have positive control over their lives, if they are to have self-directed lives within their own communities, then those who are around the person — especially those who do the dayto-day work — need to have Person Centered Thinking skills. Only a small percentage of people need to know how to write good person centered plans, but everyone involved needs to have good skills in Person Centered Thinking, and in

the value-based skills that underlie the planning.

There are a number of reasons for this. Teaching and supporting the use of Person Centered Thinking skills will mean that:

- It is more likely that plans will be used and acted on, that the lives of people who use services will improve
- You will have a number of ways to get plans started
- Updating the plans will occur "naturally", needing less effort and time

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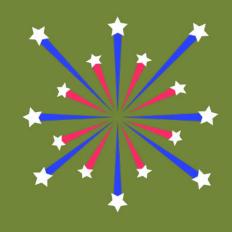
### **Days to Remember**

February is Black
History Month

**February 14th** Valentines Day

February 16th
Lincoln's Birthday observed
RCRC offices closed

February 19th
Presidents Day observed
RCRC offices closed







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Every style of person centered planning is rooted in a person centered way of thinking. It is made up of a set of value-based skills that result in seeing the person differently and give us a way of acting on what is learned. Training in person centered planning is training in a way of thinking as much as it is in a way of developing a plan. In essential lifestyle planning, we have identified basic skills and tools that help learners understand and embrace this way of thinking.

RCRC has long embraced the importance of Person Centered Thinking in our services and support for people served and their families. RCRC believes strongly that good service coordination, and the delivery of all of our services, is best done through a person centered lens. In 2011 two dedicated RCRC staff members became certified in Person Centered Thinking and began to offer in-house trainings to staff, service providers, families and self-advocates. RCRC has supported several service provider agencies to develop trainers within their team to provide ongoing training for direct service providers. RCRC's commitment to Person Centered Thinking has influenced all aspects of the agency's practices and has earned RCRC a reputation among other California

Regional Centers as a leader in Person Centered Thinking.

Nationally there is now a mandated and federally backed effort to improve the quality of services for people receiving home and community-based services, and to ensure those services provide inclusion and opportunities for positive control. This federal mandate has helped the state to see the intrinsic value in person centered practices and thinking as a core philosophy at all Regional Centers, which has resulted in incentives to encourage all Regional Centers to incorporate Person Centered Thinking into their work.

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### — Alex Chesstell

Building on RCRC's established culture of Person Centered Thinking, RCRC has focused resources on not just offering frequent training, but also in developing additional internal person-centered thinking trainers. Since January 2023 RCRC has been offering near monthly Person-Centered Thinking trainings to both RCRC staff, service providers and self- advocates throughout all four counties served. In the past year, two new Person Centered Thinking trainers have been certified, in addition to two established trainers, and at least one additional trainer is expected to be

certified in 2024. In the past year, 100 RCRC staff members have completed Person Centered Thinking training, 61 of whom work as Service Coordinators, Early Child Service Coordinators, or Intake Specialists. Additionally, 31 people from service provider agencies in all four counties have completed the training.

Looking forward into 2024, trainings will continue to be offered regularly, including refresher courses for those who have already completed the full training and earned their certification. By June RCRC anticipates every Service Coordinator will have completed training, and likely the majority of RCRC staff at all levels and in all departments. RCRC is committed to providing person centered services and support in all aspects of our work, and ongoing person-centered thinking trainings are part of that commitment. We're excited to be able to increase our ability to promote and implement Person Centered Thinking both within our agency and overall community, and supporting the amazing humans we serve to have positive control over their lives.

For questions or more information about Person Centered Thinking at RCRC, please contact Sheila Keys or Alex Chesstell. \*

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# February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				I.D.E.A. Parent Group 5:30-6:30pm 1116 Airport Park Blvd. Ukiah	2	3
4	Voting Rights 1:30-3:30pm 255 North Forbes Lake County	Voting Rights 12-2pm 1640 S State St. Ukiah People First 2-4pm 14888 Olympic Dr. Clearlake	7	8 Voting Rights 12-2pm 3022 Broadway St. Eureka	9 Voting Rights 10-12pm 501 H St. Suite 1 Crescent City	10
11	12	So HUM Parent Group 3-4:30pm 344 Humboldt Ave. Redway	Valentínes Day	I.D.E.A. Parent Group 6-7pm 180 3rd St. Lakeport	Lincoln's Birthday RCRC Closed Single Mingle Dance 5-5:45pm 1531 J St., Eureka	17
18	President's Day RCRC Closed	20	21	I.D.E.A. Parent Group 6-7pm 494 Pacific Ave. Crescent City	23	Advanced Care Planning Workshop 10-12pm 3327 Timber Fall Court, Eureka
25	26	ACT: Raising Safe Kids 5:30-7:30pm 1st in series of 9 901 Myrtyle Ave. Eureka	I.D.E.A. Parent Group 6-7pm 525 2nd St. Eureka	Support Group for Caregivers of Adults 6-7:30pm 814 7th St. Eureka		





### **Getting to know our community**

### **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT, RON LEE**

### What is your position at RCRC?

I am a relative newbie with the RCRC, having officially started in June of 2022. I started as a Quality Assurance Specialist, conducting both scheduled, and unscheduled, quality assurance reviews in licensed residential settings and Adult Family Home Agency supported homes. Currently, I am the RCRC Emergency Management Coordinator. In this role, I conduct a variety of disaster preparedness and response activities for both those employed by RCRC and those we support. Lastly, I am also grateful to be part of the Person-Centered Thinking training team.

### Tell us about a positive experience with RCRC.

I have had so many positive experiences in my short time working with RCRC that it is hard to pick just one. Overall, I would say that the compassion and commitment demonstrated by RCRC staff was a great inspiration for me when I first joined the team. Having worked over the last 30 years in a variety of social service settings I can truly say that you all are special in the passion you bring to the work. It has also been my great pleasure and satisfaction to work with those we support to draft their own Person-Centered and Disaster Preparedness plans.

### What do you do in your spare time?

My main hobby is as a musician, playing both the electric and double (upright) bass in a few local performance groups. I am thankful for the support the Humboldt Bay area gives to its artists (including musicians). I am also a motorcycle enthusiast and enjoy bee keeping, gardening and most importantly spending time with family.

**RON LEE** 



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### **RCRC Newsletter**





# Redwood Coast Regional Center

Is proud to announce all staff will receive training on Positive Psychology and the Science of Wellbeing.

Hosted by Dr. Wendy White, Autism Clinical Specialist and Amy Neff, Registered Nurse

### **Why Proof Positive?**

While current life course outcomes for people with autism remain less than optimal, Proof Positive believes in a better future. Everyone, including those with autism, deserves happiness. Using the science of positive psychology, Proof Positive provides evidence-informed tools and resources for the autism community that enhance wellbeing and develop resilience.

For more information on Proof Positive and Free Monthly Featured Skills, visit: proofpositive.org









# **RCRC Parent Groups**

**Join Annie Bone** I.D.E.A. Specialist for Parent Group each month.

Ukiah **RCRC** office 1116 Airport Park Blvd. 1st Thursdays 5:30-6:30pm

**Point Arena** The Action Network 200 Main St 3/13, 4/10, 5/8, 6/12, 7/10 5:30-6:30pm

Lakeport **RCRC** office 180 3rd Street 3rd Thursdays 6-7pm

**Eureka RCRC** office 525 2nd Street. 1st floor conference room 4th Wednesdays 6-7pm

**Crescent City Family Resource Center** of the Redwoods 494 Pacific Ave 4th Thursdays 6-7pm

**Contact: Annie Bone** (707)-445-0893 ext. 360

# **PARENT** GROUP

WHEN 1st Thursdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm

**RCRC Ukiah Office** Entrance located in the rear of the building. 1116 Airport Blvd Wilah, GA. 95482

Contact: Annie Bone RCRC's LD.E.A. Specialist [707]-445-0893 ext. 360

MONTHLY EVENT

FREE I.E.P. TRAINING

CONNECT WITH OTHER

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

GUEST SPEAKERS

SNACKS

# **PARENT GROUP**

Wednesday - 3/13/2024 Wednesday - 6/12/2024 Wednesday - 7/10/2024 Wednesday - 7/10/2023 Wednesday - 5/8/2024 More to be appounced 5:30pm - 6:30pm

WHERE

**The Action Network Point Arena** 

# **PARENT** GROUP

3rd Thursdays 6pm - 7pm

**RCRC Lakeport Office** 

Contact: Annie Bone RCRC's LD.E.A. Specialist (707)-445-0893 ext. 360

MONTHLY EVENT

FREE I.E.P. TRAINING

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### MONTHLY EVENT

FREE I.E.P. TRAINING

OPEN TO ANY AND ALL PARENTS

COMMUNITY SUPPORT

GHEST **SPEAKERS** 

SNACKS



# PARENT GROUP

4th Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm

WHERE **RCRC First Floor Conference Room in** the Vance Hotel

Contact: Annie Bone RCRC's LD.E.A. Specia (797)-445-0893 ext. 360

MONTHLY

FREE I.E.P. TRAINING

CONNECT WITH OTHER PARENTS

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SNACKS



# PARENT GROUP

4th Thursdays 6pm - 7pm

**Family Resource Center of the Redwoods** 

Contact: Annie Bone RCRC's LD.E.A. Specia (707)-445-0893 ext. 360

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### **RCRC Newsletter**





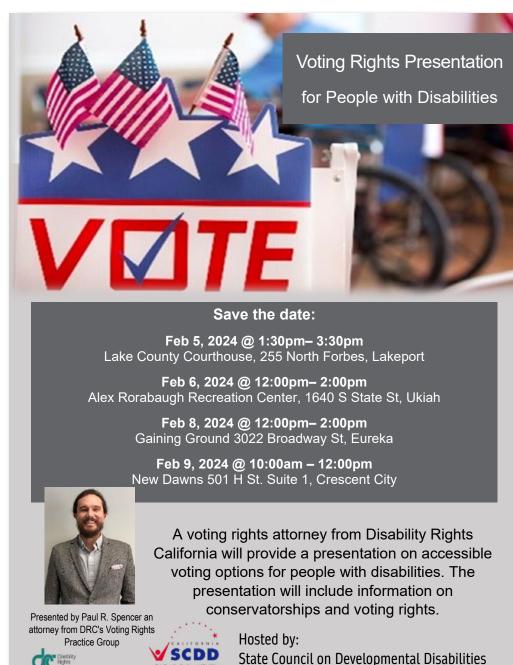
# Voting Rights Presentation for People with Disabilities

February 5th, 2024 1:30pm-3:30pm Lake County Courthouse 255 North Forbes, Lakeport

February 6th, 2024 12:00pm-2:00pm Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center 1640 S State St, Ukiah

February 8th, 2024 12:00pm-2:00pm Gaining Ground 3022 Broadway St., Eureka

February 9th, 2024 10:00am-12:00pm New Dawns 501 H St. Suite 1, Crescent City



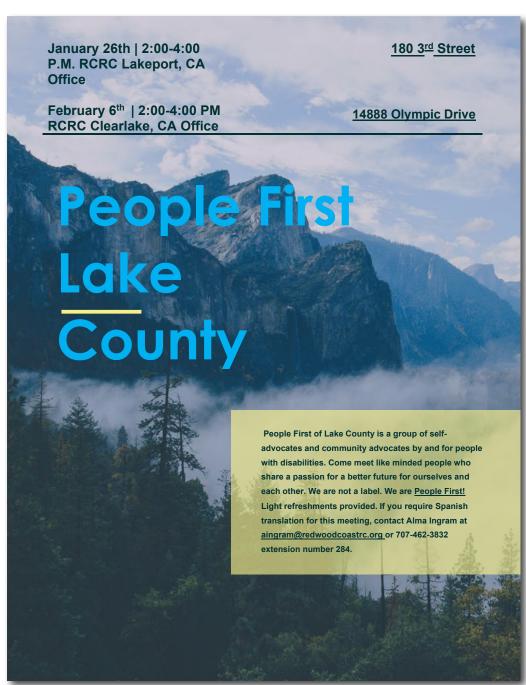




# People First Lake County

People First of Lake County is a group of self-advocates and community advocates by and for people with disabilities.

February 6th 2-4pm RCRC Office Clearlake









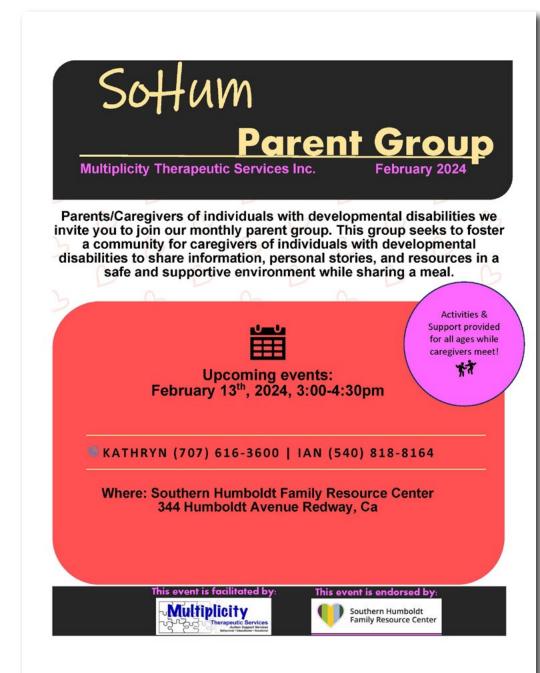
# SoHum Parent Group

A Support Group for parents/caregivers that care for individuals with developmental disabilities.

February 13th 3-4:30pm 344 Humboldt Ave., Redway, Ca

**Contact:** 

Kathryn: (707) 616-3600 Ian: (540) 818-8164









# Single Mingle Dance

Come join the Single Mingle Dance and find your Valentine!

February 16th 5-5:45pm 1531 J St., Eureka

If you need transportation, please call Sharon at (503)-201-7028 to reserve your spot.









# **Advanced Care Planning Workshop**

Come join this FREE workshop to learn what is important in your advanced care planning.

February 24th 10-12pm 3327 Timber Fall Court, Eureka

For more information contact: Hospice of Humboldt (707) 445-8443

### FREE

# ADVANCE CARE PLANNING WORKSHOP

# How will your family know your wishes in a health crisis?

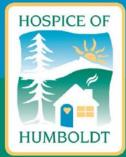
Attend this free workshop where you'll learn how to approach these important but often uncomfortable conversations with your loved ones.

Presenters will provide an Advance Directive form you can complete at the workshop, if you are ready, or a blank Advance Directive to take home to discuss and complete with your family and to share with your medical providers.

Learn what is important to include in your Advance Directive and how to choose the person you wish to speak for you in the event you are unable to speak for yourself.

FEBRUARY 24<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Hospice of Humboldt Conference Room 3327 Timber Fall Court, Eureka



Workshop facilitated by Hospice of Humboldt Social Workers

Notary services by Suzy Smith available with current ID

For more information, please call 707.445.8443





### **ACT: Raising Safe Kids**

A 9 week Parenting Series for families with children ages 0-8 years.

February 27 5:30-7:30

March 5, 12, 19 5:30-7:30

April 9, 23, 30 5:30-7:30

May 7, 14 5:30-7:30

**Location: Humboldt County** Office of Education 901 Myrtle Ave., Eureka

Contact and Register: Ev - (707) 633-3065

Attendance at ALL classes required for Certification of Completion.

HUMBOLDT BRIDGES TO SUCCESS AND THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION PRESENT



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Mar. 5, 12, 19 Apr. 9, 23, 30

May 7, 14

Attendance at ALL classes required for Certificate of Completion.

Location: Humboldt County Office of Education 901 Myrtle Avenue, Eureka

#### In this Training Series you will:

- Learn about your child's development.
- Increase positive parenting skills and practices.
- Be supported in creating a nurturing, safe, and healthy environment for your family.

Dinner included each session, and childcare provided for the **first 10** children enrolled (up to age 8).



For more information and to register contact Ev at (707) 633-3065

Made possible with a generous grant from the First 5/DHHS ACEs Collaborative













# Support Group for Caregivers of Adults

A Support Group for people that care for adults with health conditions or other impairments.

February 29th 6-7:30pm 814 7th St., Eureka, Ca

Contact: Giancarlo, giancarlo@multiplicityinc.com (530) 859-0945

# February Support Group for Caregivers Of Adults

This is a support group for people that care for adults with health conditions or other impairments. The goal of the group is to connect caregivers, provide resources, and provide support to lead to happier and more successful lives for everyone.

This month we are meeting on <u>February 29<sup>th</sup> from</u> <u>6-7:30pm</u>

We will be providing a safe environment to share and find support with free food, attendance prizes and a resource bingo game!

### We meet monthly at:

814 7<sup>th</sup> St. Eureka, CA

We also provide a virtual opition via Zoom:

<u>Permanent Zoom Link:</u>

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/2192597832

Meeting ID: 219 259 7832

For more information please contact Giancarlo via

giancarlo@multiplicityinc.com

or call/text at: (530) 859-0945





# SCDD and DDS Statewide Self-Determination Orientation

#### Want to learn more?

Contact your Service Coordinator at RCRC or a Participant Choice Manager.

Participant Choice Managers
Humboldt & Del Norte Counties:

Alex Chesstell 707-445-0893, ext. 317 AChesstell @redwoodcoastrc.org

Mendocino & Lake Counties: Sheila Keys 707-462-3832, ext. 254 SKeys@redwoodcoastrc.org



### STATEWIDE SELF-DETERMINATION ORIENTATION



### JOIN US TO LEARN...

- What the SDP\* is
- How SDP works
- The Principles of SDP
- Steps to Enroll in SDP
- Key Roles in SDP
- Your Next Steps
- \* Self-Determination Program

For more Information and Registration Click the link below:

https://scdd.ca.gov/sdp-orientation/







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...Are Self-Determined!
Learn if the Self-Determination Program
is Right for You!

A CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION WILL BE PROVIDED.

AN SDP ORIENTATION IS REQUIRED TO ENROLL IN SDP.





# Resources From Listos California Emergency Preparedness

Get ready and stay safe!

For more info, visit: listoscalifornia.org

# TIPS FOR STORM SEASON SAFETY





### **FLOODS**

- Flash floods can develop very quickly. Be ready to evacuate all people and animals to higher ground if ordered. Have emergency supplies packed in a Go Bag.
- Keep your car gas tank at least half full in case you are asked to evacuate.
   There may be traffic and delays.
- Never drive around barricades or drive or walk through floodwater. It may be deeper than
  you think and can sweep you or your car away. Turn around, don't drown!



#### **POWER OUTAGES**

- Keep phone batteries fully charged and save your battery power by limiting phone use during an outage.
- Sign up for alerts through your energy company so you can be notified about any energy issues.
   If you use electric medical and/or assistive devices, be sure to enroll in a medical baseline program to ensure you're safe if the power goes off.
- If your needs cannot be met during a power outage, plan with caregivers for transportation to a location with power.



### **HIGH WINDS**

- Flying debris can be a killer. Stay indoors or in a sheltered location. Avoid driving if possible.
- · Secure any loose items outside that could blow away and cause damage or injury.
- Stay away from trees and power lines, and never go near downed power lines. Avoid anything
  that may be touching a downed line, including tree branches and vehicles.



### **COLD TEMPERATURES**

- Body temperature can drop to unsafe levels in cold temperatures. Stay indoors as much as
  possible. If you must go outside, dress warmly in insulating layers, gloves, scarves, socks and a hat.
- Heat your home safely. Do not use stoves, camp stoves, generators or gas/charcoal grills for heat inside your home. The fumes are deadly.
- Know where you will go if your home becomes too cold. You could go to a friend's house, community center, shopping mall or public library. Check with county emergency officials about warming centers available near you.



#### **DEEP SNOW**

- Heavy snowfall can cause power outages and trap you in your home for days.
- · Gather food, water and medicine before a snowstorm.
- If you must travel, let someone know where you are going so they know where to search for you in an emergency.



#### MUDSLIDES

- Find out if your area is at high risk due to steep slopes and runoff, prior mudflows, floods or burn scars from wildfires.
- Mudslides are dangerous even after the rain has stopped. Use caution and remain vigilant for days after.
- Pay attention to weather reports and evacuate immediately if ordered.

Listos California.org





# **Helpful Resources**



# RESOURCE PADLET FOR PARENTS

Access a growing library of free resources for parents and caregivers of children ages 0-5

Developed by Redwood Coast Regional Center through the

MHSA "Families and Supports Together" (FAST) Grant.

#### Look at our Parent Academies!

Covering a variety of topics related to interventions and support for families and children with Developmental Disabilities including evidenced-based video trainings by subject matter experts with accompanying Power Points and flyers available at the click of a button.

For more info. visit: <a href="https://padlet.com/bctservices2/information-and-resources-for-parents-of-children-with-speci-4x94rz0lctzudnae">https://padlet.com/bctservices2/information-and-resources-for-parents-of-children-with-speci-4x94rz0lctzudnae</a>

Or Scan the QR Code:





Organizations collaborating to develop a transdisciplinary responsive system capable of supporting the mental wellness of all expectant parents, young children and their families within the context of their communities.

For more info visit: <a href="https://www.0to8mhc.org/">www.0to8mhc.org/</a>





# **Helpful Resources**



The DDS Wellness Toolkit is a new section of the DDS website focused on providing information and tools related to health and safety for self-advocates, direct support professionals, and vendors or providers. New topics, tools, and information will be added on an ongoing basis.

For more info. visit: dds.ca.gov/consumers/wellness-toolkit/



Spreading the Science and Skills of Happiness. Proof Positive is an online source dedicated to improving the wellbeing of autistic people and their families, providers and communities.

For more info. visit: <u>proofpositive.org/</u>



Disability Vote California's mission is to engage and inform voters with disabilities and empower members of the community to facilitate access to voting for the disabled community.

For more info. visit: disabilityvoteca.org/





### **Contact Us**

Learn more about our services and programs.

## **Redwood Coast Regional Center Offices**

#### **CONTACT YOUR NEAREST OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE**

### **Ukiah Office | Corporate Office**

1116 Airport Park Blvd. Ukiah, CA 95482 Phone: (707) 462-3832 Fax: (707) 462-3314 *Mendocino County* 

### **Lakeport Office**

180 3rd Street Lakeport, CA 95453 Phone: (707) 262-0470 Fax: (707) 264-6537 *Lake County* 

#### **Eureka Office**

525 2nd Street, Suite 300 Eureka, CA 95501 Phone: (707) 445-0893 Fax: (707) 444-3409 *Humboldt County* 

### **Fort Bragg Office**

270 Chestnut Street, Suite A Fort Bragg, CA 95437 Phone: (707) 964-6387 Fax: (707) 964-0226 *Mendocino County* 

#### Clearlake Office

14888 Olympic Dr. Clearlake, CA 95422 Phone: (707) 621-6169 Fax: (707) 264-6537 *Lake County* 

### **Crescent City Office**

1301-A Northcrest Drive Crescent City, CA 95531 Phone: (707) 464-7488 Fax: (707) 465-4230 **Del Norte County** 

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